

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On June 14, 1775, the United States Army was born; and,

Whereas, On the last day of June 1973, the final young man was conscripted into the Army, ending the military draft; and,

Whereas, 228 years ago, soldiers began serving their country as peace keepers and nation builders in more than 100 countries around the globe; and,

Whereas, 30 years ago, the All-Volunteer Army was created in the United States of America; and,

Whereas, Since July 1973, Army recruiters have provided the strength to maintain a quality pool of motivated, bright, young men and women, eagerly ready to represent the state of South Dakota and serve their country *As An Army Of One*; and,

Whereas, Since July 1973, these Army recruiters and their families have significantly contributed thousands of volunteered hours, in local youth and community programs, instilling the seven values of the United States Army to include: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; and,

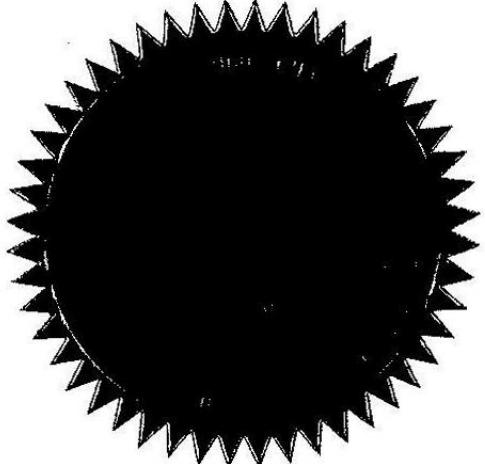
Whereas, Army and Army Reserve Recruiters, located in communities throughout the state of South Dakota, are asking citizens to join in the celebration of the birth of America's Army and the anniversary of the all-recruited Army at community events throughout the summer of 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the months of June and July 2003, as

THE SUMMER OF AN ARMY OF ONE

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State